[Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker]

(*b*) the aggregate amount spent so far ;
(*c*) the officer who is in charge of the scheme ; and
(*d*) the nature of progress so far made ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) About 75 lakhs, including the amounts for Pechipara, Thriparappu and canals.

(*b*) Rs 5½ lakhs.

(*c*) Mr. V. V. Gopalakrishna Aiyar, Executive Engineer.

(*d*) The foundation of the right flank of the Perunchani dam has been completed besides collection of large quantities of materials. The construction of staff quarters and cooly lines has been completed. At Pechippara strengthening the earthen bund at gaps has been finished and grouting of the masonry dam is in progress. About 100 feet of Thripparappu, Pick up weir, has been concreted. The final channel alignment has also been completed.

Kuttapuzha canal.

229. **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year in which the work of the Kuttapuzha canal in Thiruvalla was begun ;

(*b*) whether any amount was budgetted and spent in 1121 ;

(*c*) the total amount spent till now ; and

(*d*) the probable date on which the canal will be opened ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) 1111 M. E.

(*b*) Amount budgetted Rs. 50,000. Amount spent—Nil.

(*c*) Rs. 75,806.

(*d*) It cannot be stated now.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker : May I know from the honourable member whether the work will be resumed this year ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Yes, Sir. i. e. 1122.

Scarcity of drinking water in Quilon.

230. * **Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai :** (*Quilon* cum *Kunnathur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation regarding scarcity of drinking water in the Quilon Municipal area ?

Geological Department.

231. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Geological department was separated from the Department of Industries and began to function independently ; and

(*b*) the aims underlying such separation ?

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